

JOCKEY WILKERSON HURT

THROWN AT AQUEDUCT, AND IT
THOUGHT HE MAY DIE.

Taken to Seney Hospital, Where He Was All Last Night—Two Favorites Finish in Front But Several Good Things, Including Top Candies, Get Through—All Green. Beate Gordon Wilkerson, 16 years old, the diminutive jockey who won renown on Tuesday by his splendid riding of Althea, was so seriously injured at the Aqueduct track yesterday that when taken to the Seney Hospital Brooklyn physicians were in doubt as to his chances for recovery. He was alive last night, despite a widely-circulated report to the contrary.

Wilkinson was born at Galveston, Tex., and is a half-brother of H. T. Griffin, by whom he is employed. The accident happened on the first race, a two-year-old selling event. Wilkinson had the mount on Osman Digma, an outsider. When the youngsters started, the crowd, headed by Wilkinson, in Yale blue and orange, was quickly singled out by the crowd of 6,000 persons who had been drawn to the track by the bright sun and the cheerful weather. Because of the rapid strides made by the little jockey at New Orleans during the past winter and his mastery work at Monmouth, Tulsa and other places, he was a natural interest in him and many were the predictions to the effect that the boy would develop into a sterling lightweight in short order.

His services were already in demand as his half-brother, Griffin, was more than gratified because of the little fellow's unexpectedly bright prospects.

When the flag fell the six horses got away on equal terms for their journey of four and half furlongs. The track was so dry that a blinding cloud of dust arose as the field reached the upper turn. Suddenly Osama Digna stumbled and turned a complete somersault. Wilkerson clung to him, but had no time to do anything else.

The crowd saw the spill, saw the fallen
 coil struggle riderless to his feet and saw
 man run out to the place where the boy lay
 unconscious. It was a fearful and old
 sight, the crowd knew, and they turned
 down shook their heads solemnly. The man
 carried the midget under the rail to a spot
 aloof from the track, after which all eyes
 were turned to the thoroughbreds who were
 running down the stretch. There was a
 groan as a gray mare, a fast favorite
 of the crowd, gave up part of the distance,
 caught and won by Right-way, the second
 choice, who was panned in a drive. The
 hubbub and babel of voices as the winning
 figures were hoisted ceased with a sudden
 crash that showed a feeling of concern for the
 accident, and the crowd rising up for the
 unexpected on the turf.

A siren-buzzing ambulance made its way slow to the scene of the mishap and Wilkeson, battered and bruised, was lifted in his ambulance. He was taken to the hospital, examined by Dr. Edward T. Axtell who said he found no broken bones, but that the victim had fractured skull and probably internal injuries. The ambulance driver was ordered to take Wilkeson to St. Marks and Rochester avenue hospitals, but for some reason he drove to the St. Marks Hospital, where he found him in the afternoon. Meanwhile there was a search for the ambulance driver, but the boy died on the way to St. Catherine's Hospital. The police of Jamaica had a record of the ambulance driver, but he could not be traced. He passed away at St. Mary's Hospital at 4 o'clock today. Since the death of the boy, Mrs. Wilkeson has been about this fact that the boy died on the way to that hospital. Coroner's jury met last night to find out just what had become of Wilkeson. Detective Soule said that he had been told by a man named Ozona Park and learned that the boy had been taken to the hospital at St. Marks, where the doctor diagnosed said that the boy's injuries could not be determined and that it was probable he would die. The boy's father or mother could not be reached.

Last year during the Spring meeting at Aqueduct, Jockey Frank O'Leary, while riding Randy, met with a similar accident to the one which befell the horse and jockey McDevitt in France, was riding for Mr. Underhill. Yesterday's accident was probably due to a stumble and not to interference, as some persons believed. As soon as Wikerson had been taken away the crowd temporarily forgot him, so wild was the speculation in the betting ring. During the day but two favorites finished successfully though there were several other good things that went through with heavy financial support.

The highest upset occurred in the fourth race, when the favorite, *Manitoba*, was beaten by *Green*, with Bullman up. He was backed down from a 3 to 3 to 5 to 1. There was a general feeling that *Manitoba* was a better horse than the race turned out to be. The odds ridden by Shaw, Smith and the other "big" left half the crowd when they beat the favorite. Bullman's odds were four lengths. This knock down made the favorite a 10 to 1. The crowd was not so favorable on all sides except among the individual gamblers who were handling the chalk and slate.

Bullman piloted the favorite *Manitoba* to victory in the second race with five lengths. The favorite was backed down from 3 to 1 to 2 to 1. The crowd was shown money six lengths behind *York* and *Green*. Both of these horses were the favorites in the third race. The crowd was down the line on *York*. Both of the favorites, *York* and *Manitoba*, second choice, the latter of whom was the favorite, were the favorites who had been tipped to play *Paristina*. At this event were somewhat stunned when *York* won the race. *Manitoba* was the favorite at 2 to 1. The 5th race for maiden two-year-olds was a genuine puzzle to almost everyone. The favorite, *Paristina*, was the only horse to beat the favorite. *Paristina* was the favorite at all. *Stains* favored at two, while *Hardegan*, *York* and *Manitoba* were the point of view of the three. *Paristina* at four, was the point of view of the three. *Paristina* was the favorite without being extended. *Constitution* ran the race. *Paristina* was the favorite at three and third places, while the three public favorites founided home anywhere. *Paristina* was the favorite at three and third places. In the last race in which there were three favorites, *Paristina* was the favorite. *Paristina* was the favorite in inferior class the race was the favorite.

FIRST RACE.
Selling; for two-year-olds, by subscription of \$ each, with \$400 added, four and a half furlongs:—
1. Richards, b. c. Rightaway, by Gateway—
2. Belle Buchanan, 108 (Landry).
Non-starter Bennington's b. c. Easy Street, 110 (Bull-
man).
W. H. Sand's b. c. Playlike, 107 (Thompson).
Fonsolucia, Tout and Osman Digna also ran in the
order named. (Osman Digna fell.)
Time, 1:57.
Betting—9 to 5 against Rightaway, 10 to 9 or
Easy Street, 60 to 1 against Playlike, 15 to 1 Fonsolucia, 15 to 1 Tout, 25 to 1 Osman Digna.

SECOND RACE.
Selling; for three-year-olds and upward; by sub-
scription of \$5 each, with \$200 added, six furlongs:
C. Steingman's ch. c. Manhattan, by Risinet—

1st, Holland, Jr. & Co. Yorkville, 30 to 36 M. (Gink. 8)
 F. H. Milten, Jr. & Co. Bluewater, 6, 115 (Gink. 8)
 2nd
 Gink. Maple, Frederick, The Brother and The
 Outlook also ran in the order listed.
 Time, 1:14 4/5.
 Betting—7 to 5 against Manitoban, 5 to 1 York-
 shire Boy, 2 to 1 Bluewater, 30 to 1 Gink. 8, 1 to 1 Maple
 50 to 1 Frederick, 30 to 1 The Brother, 50 to 1 The Out-
 look.
THIRD RACE.
 Selling, for two-year-old fillies and geldings, by
 subscription of \$3 each, with \$400 added, four times
 their fortunes:
 Doughoughs Stable, c. g. Mare, by Medley—O-
 lava, 105 (Landing).
 1st, L. Graves, c. f. 1st, 105 (Show).
 2nd, L. Graves, c. f. 2nd, 105 (Landing).
 3rd, F. Varre, Nainimo, f. 1st, Bermuda King, 105.

Handicap—Three to six year-olds and upward; by subscription of \$5 each for horses not declared; with \$500 added about seven furlongs.

William McKendrick, 100 lbs. (Ladys); by Candide; by Candide; 100 lbs. (Shaw).

W. B. Morris's b. c. Pup, 4 110 (J. Day); 5 110 (J. Patterson's b. c. All Green, 5 110 (Bulfinch); 6 Margaret, Tenero and Sam Luis also ran to the order named.

Time, 1:25.

Betting—Six to 1, against Ten Candles; 7 to 2

Selling, for maiden three-year-olds, by subscription of \$5 each, with \$400 added, five and a half furlongs, 100 to 1 Tenario, 100 to 1 San Luis.

FIFTH RACE.

Selling, for maiden three-year-olds, by subscription of \$5 each, with \$400 added, five and a half furlongs, 100 to 1 Niconia, 100 to 1 Charaxes—Nina, 100 (McCue).
George F. Johnson's b. c. Niconia, by Charaxes—Nina, 100 (McCue).
J. Smith & Anderson's ch. g. Councilman Tom, 107 (Garrett).
J. H. Thayer's f. g. Ecotism, 100 (McGinn).
3 Fenimore, All Saints, Nainsook, Anna Darling, Ford-bred, Rising Sun, Thoroughbred, Mouse Pymon, Mr. Smooth, Freshal, Pampulakeena and Merry also ran in the 40 to 1 class.

SIXTH RACE.

Selling—Four to 1 against Niconia, 40 to 1 Councilman Tom, 40 to 1 Ecotism, 30 to 1 Fenimore, 10 to 1 All Saints, 50 to 1 Nainsook, 30 to 1 Anna Darling.

Thoroughbred, 50 to 1 Mollie Barton, 100 to 1 Mr.
Smooth, 50 to 1 Fresno, 100 to 1 Pahpukkeena, 50
to 1 Mercenary.

SIXTH RACE.

Handicap; for three-year-olds and upward; by

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**NATIONAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP
SEASON BEGINS TO-DAY.**

Brooklynmen in a Close and Sharply Fought Game by the Toronto Team—Clean Fielding and Bunting by Both Sides—Dad Makez Four Safe Dribbles—Other Game

The two weeks' preliminary training is over and to-day the race for the National League baseball pennant of 1901 will begin. Owing to the more than unusual uncertainty as to the strength of the eight teams, caused by the trade in players, the National League, for players, there is more interest than generally the case to see how the teams will shape up. Those of the teams that came South for practice have returned pretty fit for the championship fight, while it remains to be seen how the teams that stayed in cold and wet North are as fit as their rivals. The games scheduled for to-day follow:

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